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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

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APPLICATION NO.: 10/755,049	CONFIRM. NO.: 8705
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TITLE OF INVENTION: Clamping Mechanism	EXAMINER: M. TALBOT

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 8, 2005, INCLUDING AN  
ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

Dear Sir:

The period for reply has been extended with the enclosed  
TWO MONTH Term Extension Request.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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